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Sen. Stamas announces local road projects

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LANSING – Communities across the 36th Senate District will benefit from the Jobs Today Program which will jumpstart 210 projects to improve roads throughout the state and provide jobs, said Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland.

"This is great news for the 36th Senate District," Stamas said. "Local road projects are often underfunded. This program will help make sure that the repairs and improvements are made in a timely fashion while improving the roads for the safety of all motorists, pedestrians and those who live along these roads."

Local projects include:

- Alcona County will receive \$263,200 to repair Ritchie Road, Gehres Road, Apsey Road and Lake Street.
- Alpena County will receive approximately \$465,000 for work on Hamilton, Wessel, Hubbard Lake and Lacomb roads.
- Gladwin County will receive \$103,660 for repairs on Round Lake Road.
- Iosco County will receive about \$169,200 for work on Bissonette and River roads.
- Midland County will receive \$888,250 for repairs on Meridian Road.
- Ogemaw County will receive \$64,310 for work on Fairview Road.
- Oscoda County will receive \$206,640 for repairs on Valley and Red Oak roads.
- Otsego County will receive approximately \$2.6 million for work on Parmater Road, and the I-75 crossings at Milbocker to McCoy Roads and Van Tyle to S. Wisconsin Avenue.

This is the first time state money will be used to fund city and county transportation projects including the physical construction and construction engineering. The required non-construction items such as preliminary engineering, right-of-way purchases and other environmental studies will not be funded through the program.

Priority was given to the following:

- Projects designated as high priority projects ready to be constructed in 2006 or 2007
- Local federal aid projects scheduled for construction in 2007 that can be advanced to 2006.
- Local federal aid projects scheduled for construction in 2008 that can be advanced to 2007.